

COMMISSIONERS APPROVAL

CHILCOTT *g*

THOMPSON *AT*

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TAYLOR (Clerk & Recorder)

Date.....September 22, 2006

Members Present.....Commissioner Greg Chilcott and
Commissioner Alan Thompson

Minutes: Glenda Wiles

Commissioner Chilcott spent a portion of the morning in District Court in regard to a case for the county.

In a ministerial matter, Commissioner Thompson made a motion to have the Chairman sign the necessary paperwork in order to receive grant monies for the Violence against Women Grant. (A previous motion to submit the grant for application was done in a previously calendared meeting). Commissioner Chilcott seconded the motion and all voted "aye".

The Board met to discuss and possibly appoint applicants to the Planning Board and EDA Board. In regard to the applicants for the Ravalli County Economic Development Board, two viable applications were received. Based upon the recommendation by the EDA Board, Commissioner Thompson made a motion to appoint Chad DeLong with a term ending October 1, 2010. Commissioner Chilcott seconded the motion and all voted "aye".

In regard to the applicants for the Ravalli County Planning Board, it was noted two seats needed to be filled due to vacancies; that of Darby School District and At Large. Discussion included applicant Barbara Davis in that she is a realtor and Commissioner Thompson felt the Board was well represented with other realtors. Applicant Tori Nobles has engaged herself in litigation against the county which has been settled. Commissioner Thompson noted the litigation actually drove up the cost of development and only benefited the Park Board in regard to the cash settlement. However, he noted Tori has shown continued and genuine interest in serving the county. She also lives south of Hamilton, which is considered part of the Darby School District, but is not in the 'heart' of Darby in regard to location. Commissioner Chilcott also noted Rick Fuhrman lives in Hamilton and Hamilton is already well represented with another at large position.

Commissioner Thompson made a motion to appoint Tori Nobles to the Darby position with a term ending December 31, 2006, with the requirement that this position be advertised when vacant as will other board positions. Commissioner Chilcott seconded the motion and all voted "aye".

Commissioner Thompson made a motion to appoint Phil Connelly to the At Large position with a term ending December 31, 2007. Commissioner Chilcott seconded the motion and all voted "aye".

Citizen and applicant Rick Fuhrman was present in the audience and stated while he respects the process of appointment, he would have appreciated personal contact on his application and the results of the board appointments. Commissioner Chilcott stated they interviewed three applicants because they were not familiar with them, but all of the Commissioners felt they knew Rick due to his attendance at other meetings and the variety of correspondence he sends to the county. Commissioner Chilcott stated they do not always interview all candidates as it is simply a matter of expediency for them. Rick stated he understood that but would still like some personal contact on the application and process of board appointments. Glenda advised Rick there were several positions coming open on 12/31/06 and stated she would keep his application for consideration in that round of board appointments. Rick stated he would like to keep his application in the mix as he would like to serve on this board.

In other business, the Board met with Wallace Oliff who is a member of the Sula Fire Department. Oliff stated he gave land to the Sula Fire Department so they could build a new fire station. Another member of the department, Stuart Hedges is a contractor and built the fire station. Oliff stated there were plans, however Stuart did not follow the plans and there is no waterproofing on the foundation walls nor is the header built according to plan. He stated he met with Civil Counsel James McCubbin and had received various correspondences from the State Building Inspector Dave Cook along with a building inspector by the name of Mr. Munroe. While the building was signed off for substantial completion, the plans were not followed on a few of the issues which included the French drain and required drain rock which will cause a problem due to the water run off. The Board agreed they would like to assist the Fire Department but would need to have a meeting with the Board of Trustees along with Civil Counsel to ascertain if it was within their purview to pursue. Due to the absence of Oliff and the Board of Commissioners for the next few weeks, it was agreed Glenda will set up a meeting during the second or third week in October.